GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:832
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Violation of Human Rights
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a significant increase in the number of human rights violations in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the total number of such cases reported during each of the last three years and the current year State/UT-wise; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to register such cases and taken speedy action against the violation of human rights along with the measures taken by the Government to clear such cases by appointing judges and related courts in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI KIREN RIJIJU)
(a) & (b): As per data of National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), cases of human rights violations registered by them were showing a mixed trend from 2012-13 to 2015-16 (upto 10.02.2016). A statement indicating State/UT-wise details of the cases of alleged violation of human rights registered by NHRC during the years 2012-13 to 2015-16 (upto 10.02.2016) along-with status thereof is at Annexure. The data of NHRC is based on the number of complaints about alleged violation of human rights and intimations about deaths received.
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(c) : Government of India set up the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) under the Protection of Human Rights(PHR) Act, 1993 for better protection of human rights. The Commission is the nodal agency to inquire/investigate the cases of human rights violation. For registration of a complaint in respect of human rights violation, the Commission notified a set procedure under the Section 10(2) of PHR, Act. Under section 12(a) of PHR, Act, NHRC inquire, suo-motu or on a petition presented to it by a victim or any person on his behalf into complaint of i) violation of human rights or abetment thereof or; (ii) negligence in the prevention of such violation, by a public servant, without any fee received by Post or Fax or by email.
For expediting disposal of cases, the NHRC takes follow-up action with the concerned authorities, including issue of process under Section 13 of the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993. Efforts are also made to sensitize public servants during various workshops, seminars and camp sittings.
Setting up of State Human Rights Commission as well as Human Rights Courts is the responsibility of the State Governments under Section 21 and Section 30 of the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993 respectively.
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